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TO: District Test Coordinators

FROM: Pearson, on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE)

SUBJECT: Invitation to Participate in the ADP Algebra II End-of-Course Exam –
Spring 2010 Administration

New Jersey is currently a member of the American Diploma Project (ADP) Algebra II consortium, in which New Jersey works with Achieve, Pearson, and 14 other states. This is an exciting initiative, both in terms of creating a credible college readiness instrument suitable for the 21st century educational environment and as a partnership with other states to address common goals. Over the past two years, many districts in New Jersey participated in the administrations of the Algebra II exam, and the results of these exams have enabled these districts and schools to compare performance in Algebra II on the individual, school, district, and state level.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the next administration of the Algebra II End-of-Course Exam in New Jersey. The testing window is May 5 through June 2, 2010. Please note that participation the Algebra II assessment program in 2010 is a district option and at district expense.

Please confirm your intention to participate in the Spring 2010 administration of the exam by working with Pearson to provide a count of the number of students you expect to participate (participation counts). Attached to this memorandum, you will find additional information and instructions from Pearson about this process. Your participation counts must be entered into the PearsonAccess website at www.PearsonAccess.com between February 1 and March 2, 2010.

Additional administrative details about the Spring 2010 administration of the Algebra II Exam are as follows:

- The price for regular test booklets (including large print) will be determined by the total enrollment volume received from all of the participating states by March 2, 2010. If the total volume per exam received on March 2 is less than 100,000, then the price will be \$26.06 per test booklet. If the volume is 100,000 or greater, then the price will be \$21.06 per test booklet. Braille test booklets and audio CDs will also be available. The price per Braille test booklet or Audio CD is an additional \$9.99 per student.
- Districts interested in purchasing an exam must have a task order/purchase agreement in place with Pearson prior to the order enrollment period. The enrollment period is February 1, 2010 through March 2, 2010. Please contact Amy Rickels, Pearson contracts analyst, at Amy.Rickels@Pearson.com or 319-339-6925 immediately to complete the task order/purchase agreement. Task orders/purchase agreements must be completed no later than January 31, 2010.



- Online testing is also available at an additional price of \$4.49 per test.
- Eligible students are those who will complete an Algebra II course or its equivalent during the spring of 2010.
- Districts will be expected to administer the assessment under secure conditions, as they would the regular statewide assessments.
- The test window in New Jersey is May 5 through June 2, 2010: testing should not be scheduled for days on which students are taking other statewide assessments. Districts may choose a regular testing day and a make-up administration day within this window.
- The exam is designed to take approximately 180 minutes, comprised of two 90-minute sessions, one of which will allow calculator use. However, some students may require—and should be allowed—additional time to complete the test, in accordance with standard New Jersey policies governing accommodations for students with disabilities and for English Language Learners.
- The exam consists of 55 questions, including 46 multiple-choice and 9 constructed-response questions. About one-third of students' scores will be based on the constructed-response questions, which consist of short-answer and extended-response items.
- The results of the May 2010 operational exam will include individual student score information and related summary reports. Individual student score information will be available on the PearsonAccess website sixteen days after Pearson receives all student responses from an entire school. **Student/guardian reports and related summary reports will be available on the PearsonAccess website 16 days after Pearson receives student responses from all New Jersey districts/schools participating in the Algebra II exam.** Paper copies of the student/guardian reports will be delivered to the districts 21 days after Pearson receives student responses from all participating New Jersey districts/schools.

Below is a list of key milestones relative to the spring administration.

Task/Milestone	Date(s)
District test coordinators enter participation counts into the PearsonAccess website.	February 1 – March 2, 2010
District test coordinators provide student pre-ID information for paper and online testing (file layout attached)	February 1 – March 18, 2010
Test materials received by districts (one week before the test administration begins)	April 27 – May 25, 2010
Test Sessions can be created (online testing only)	April 28 – June 2, 2010
Test administration	May 5 – June 2, 2010
Electronic roster reports with student-level results available on PearsonAccess website	16 days after Pearson receives all student responses from an entire school



Task/Milestone	Date(s)
Electronic summary reports available on PearsonAccess website	16 days after Pearson receives student responses from all New Jersey districts/schools participating in the Algebra II Exam
Paper copies of student/guardian reports delivered to district	21 days after Pearson receives student responses from all New Jersey districts/schools participating in the Algebra II Exam

A separate communication regarding the Algebra I End-of-Course Exam program is being sent to New Jersey districts. Additional information regarding ADP and the Algebra II consortium can be found on the Achieve website at www.achieve.org/ADPAssessmentConsortium.

If you have questions about the Algebra II End-of-Course Exam, please contact Pearson:

Telephone: 1-866-688-9555, Hours 6:00 AM to 7:30 PM (Central Time), Monday-Friday (except holidays)

Fax: 1-877-627-6277

Email: ADP@support.pearson.com

If you have state-specific questions about the Algebra II End-of-Course Exam program, or about New Jersey assessment policy, please contact Timothy Peters, director, Office of State Assessments, New Jersey Department of Education, at timothy.peters@doe.state.nj.us, or by telephone at (609) 984-7761.

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